

## **Joseph Harding – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Joseph Harding was born in England. After his father died in England Joseph and his mother traveled to Plymouth. They were in Plymouth by 1632 and Martha died in Plymouth in 1633. John Doane took Joseph into the Doane household after Martha's death. Joseph arrived in Nauset in 1644 with the Doane family.

Joseph married Bethiah Cooke, daughter of Josiah Cooke, in 1660 in Eastham. They had ten children. Most likely Joseph and Bethiah are buried in unmarked graves in Eastham Cove Burying Ground.

### 1659

Granted to Joseph Harding two acers of meadow at Boat Meadow lying between the main creek and land of Steven Atwood. PDF A195, M105.

Granted to Joseph Harding ten acres of upland next to the highway running towards Herring Pond and adjoining Samuel Freeman's land. PDF S21.

### 1668

Granted to Joseph Harding ten acres at Great Neck beginning by the little pond. This grant was part of the great lot of Josiah Cooke. PDF A195, M105.

Granted to Joseph Harding two acres of upland by the little pond and adjoining land of Josiah Cooke. PDF A195, M105, S33.

Granted to Joseph Harding ten acres of upland on the side of the highway to Herring Pond and next to land of Samuel Freeman. PDF A195.

Joseph Harding purchased from his son John two acres of meadow between the land of Nicholas Snow and John Smally at Herring Pond. Also the Town granted Joseph Harding one-quarter acre of adjoining meadow. PDF A195.

### 1682

Granted to Joseph Harding, Josiah Cooke, Thomas Mulford and William Walker the grapevine swamp beyond Josiah Cooke's land provided they clear it within six years. PDF P44.

1683

This record concerning a grant to John Freeman refers to Joseph Harding owning land at Billingsgate next to the Great Blackfish River. PDF A134.

1693

A complaint was made that Joseph Harding fenced some of the common land next to the highway that went to his land near Herring Pond. Bounds were settled with the Town and were indicated by marked stones. PDF M23, M24.

1702

A complaint was made concerning the bounds of Joseph Harding's land next to the Town common meadow at Bogg Bay in Billingsgate. Bounds were settled with the Town and were indicated by stakes. PDF A196.

1703

A complaint was made concerning the bounds of Joseph Harding's meadow on the northerly side of the Town Great Meadow and Common Meadow. The bounds were settled with the Town. The Harding land was about twelve rods by forty-four rods or about three acres. PDF M139.

1711

Granted to Joseph Harding, John Doane, Richard Cooke, Josiah Cooke, and Caleb Cooke the twenty-fourth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot was on the southwestern most part of the island. Dimensions were not given in the record but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. Also granted to the same men was a parcel of woodland on Lieutenant Island. The size of this grant was not indicated but probably it was several acres. PDF T90.

Granted to Joseph Harding and his heirs six acres on the southeastern side of the Great Meadow next to land of Josiah Cooke. A way two pole (thirty-three feet) wide was required so Cooke and assigns could pass freely through the land. PDF T108.

Granted to Joseph Harding and his heirs a six acre wood lot next to other Harding land and near the highway. The location was not described but probably it was in the Great Meadow area. PDF T108.

Granted to Joseph Harding and his heirs four acres next to his wood lot and next to land of John Smalley. An open cartway was required at the southerly end of the property. PDF T108.

The Eastham land owned by Joseph Harding or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about fifty-five acres. By 1745 fourteen more Hardings received Eastham land grants.